with the delence expenditure in Pakistan, China and other neighbouring countries and how dues it relate to the country's needs, keeping in view the developments in the neighbouring countries; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to maintain balance of military po. wer to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RE-SEARCH. AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government have seen media leports in this regard.

(b) and I'd) Government keep a constant watch on acquisition of major defence equipment by neighbouring countries, which has a bearing on our security, with a view to tuke appropriate measures for full defence preparedness. It will not be in the public interest to disclose details of the various steps taken by Government in this regard.

(c) According to the information contained in the Military Balance published by the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, the 'defence expenditure as a percentage of the GNP, of the following neighbouring countries, during 1983, was as under: —

Pakistan	— 6. 9 per cent
Bangladesh	— 2 per cent
Indonesia	— 3. 5 per cent
Nepal	— 1. 40 per cent

Relating figures for China are, however, not available. The relevant figures for India are 3. 4 per cent for 1983 & 3. 8 per cent for 1985-86. The level of defence expenditure in India reflects a reasonable balance; between our defence and 'development needs.

Doordarshan programmes oil religious/ ideological issues

*458. SHWT CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total time the Doordarshan had devoted to religious programmes on the National Network during 1985 and 1986 till date, and

(b) whether Government have any policy or increasing the number of programmes on issues pertaining to secularism and socialism, if so. what are the 'details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND IBROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PAN-. JA): (a) A total duration of 15 hours 48 minutes in 1985, and 9 hours 27 minutes upto end of November, 1986 have been devoted to programmes on religious festivals telecast on the National network including Delhi and relay transmitters.

(b) In keeping with the principles of socialism and secularism enshrined in the Constitution Doordarshan is already telecasting adequate number of programmes on these subjects. Similarly all the important festivals of the various denominations and also programmes designed to benefit all sections of society, especially weaker sections are telecast.

International convention of civil and political rights

*459. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR-
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has ratified the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and how they envisage 'freedom of information'; an'd

(b) if so, what steps Government art' taking to grant such freedom of information to Indian citizens?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) India has acceded to the International Convention Civil and Political Right with certain reservations necessitated by our Constitutional and legal systems.

In India> the policies arid decisions of the executive are under constant and vigilant scrutiny by Parliament and information is furnished to Parliament in various forms in accordance with the rules of procedure and conduct of business. The ,.; arrangements under which there is access of official information are conside n: d adequate.

use of computer to monitor whereasbouts of foreigners

•460. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will; he Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please'd to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make use of a computer to monitor the whereabouts of foreigners staying in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether similar arrangements are also proposed to be made at other metro-politan cities in India to monitor the whe-eabouts of foreigners?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The registration record of foreigners in Delhi has been computerised.

(c) These arrangements have not been extended to the other Metropolitan Cities as yet.

Centrally sponsored industrial projects for West Bengal

@3016. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKH-ERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(5>Previously Unstarred Question 1985 transferred from the 24th November, 1986.

(a) the particulars of the new centrally sponsored industrial projects for West Bengal included in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the particulars of the projects pro-posed by the West Bengal Government for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the particulars of the projects proposed by the West Bengal Government and approved by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Seventh Five Year Plan inclu'de& under Village and Small Industries sector an intensive sericulture development project in West Ben-|gal. This centrally sponsored project is estimated to cost Rs. 9. 66 crores over a period of 5 years. Benefits from three new centrally sponsored schemes under the handloom sector viz; thrift fund scheme, workshed cum houses for handloom weavers and collection of Statistics, would also flow to the State of West Bengal alongwith other States.

There are no centrally sponsore'd schemes in the large & medium industries in the Central sector. However, a list of central industrial projects/schemes located in West Bengal, alongwith the Seventh Plan outlays is given in the enclosed statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) A list of the schemes pre posed by the Government of West Bengal tor inclusion in the Seveaui *1'iti: iui* ki: State Sector alongwith the Seventh Plan **outlays is given in the enclosed statement*** *ii (See* oeiow).